

MODEL
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J Higgins
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.22 CAL. SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE



Shoots short, long, or long rifle cartridges,
either regular or high speed, interchange-
ably and automatically without adjustment!

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Here is America's newest rifle! The versatile Model 31 is tops for field shooting and target practice. It operates with regular or high speed ammunition in .22 cal. rimfire Short, Long, or Long Rifle. These cartridges can be used interchangeably, without adjustment, in the magazine which holds 17 Long Rifle, 19 Long, or 25 Short shells. Outstanding with this rifle are a built-in mount base, a roll-away Nylon carrying sling, and a ramp-style front sight. A 4 power telescopic sight is available which is specifically adaptable to the Model 31. The many custom features of this autoloading rifle have made it America's favorite among all .22 cal. rifles!

IMPORTANT:

Before firing this rifle, be sure to clean barrel thoroughly of grease, or any obstruction.

CLEANING & LUBRICATING

Your Model 31 is treated with new siliconized and polarized oil. This exclusive patented process gets down into the pores of the steel and protects against perspiration and other corrosive elements which cause rust. This oil makes J. C. Higgins guns the most rust-resistant of any guns you can buy. It gives the best lubrication of any oil tested. And it protects and beautifies stock and forearm.

The performance of any semi-automatic rifle depends on how clean it is kept. Exclusive use of J. C. Higgins' ammunition will keep fouling to a minimum, but, because a semi-automatic rifle depends on the powder gases for the repeating action, it must be kept clean to function efficiently. We recommend that your gun be thoroughly cleaned after firing 200 to 250 rounds for continued top performance.

Disassemble the gun, following complete instructions contained in this instruction sheet, into the three basic parts, (a) stock, receiver and barrel group, (b) trigger assembly, and (c) breech bolt assembly.

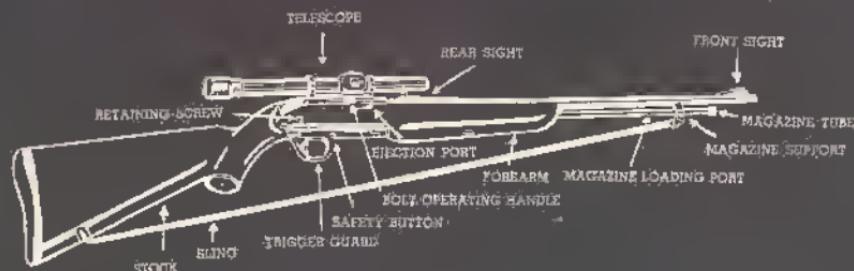


FIG. 1

Using a tooth brush soaked in solvent, clean trigger assembly, getting powder fouling out of springs, magazine throat, etc. In same manner clean bolt, getting fouling out of extractor, off of bolt face and firing pin, and out of machined cuts in bolt. Push a patch, moistened with a good solvent through the barrel from the muzzle end. Push a brass brush, soaked in solvent through the entire length of the bore several times, using long even strokes. Push clean patches through the bore in the same manner until the last patch comes out unsoiled. Push lightly oiled patch through the entire length of the bore. Wipe both trigger assembly and bolt dry, oil lightly, and replace, following instructions for assembly, which follow.

A J. C. Higgins Rifle Cleaning Kit is available especially for .22 caliber rifles (at any Sears Store or from the catalogue), which includes all the necessary materials to carry out the above operations. Another valuable piece of equipment is a J. C. Higgins Silicone Cloth which will help by protecting the outside surfaces of the rifle from rust and moisture.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

TO MAKE GUN SAFE: Safety is located in trigger guard bow forward of trigger. With hammer cocked, push safety from left to right until red band is covered. This prevents trigger, and gun cannot be fired. Always lock the trigger when carrying a loaded gun.

TO RELEASE SAFETY: Push safety from right to left, exposing red band, and gun is ready to fire.

TO LOAD MAGAZINE: With safety on, turn knurled knob on inner magazine tube, pull tube out and insert cartridges into cartridge opening, continuing the operation until last cartridge is visible (See figure 2). Grasping knurled portion of inside magazine tube, press down with rotating action until magazine tube is fully down and located in supporting notch.

TO LOAD CHAMBER: Retract action fully to the rear and allow to close. Push safety so that the red band appears. Gun is now ready to fire.

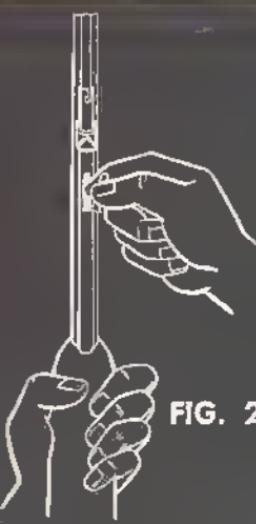
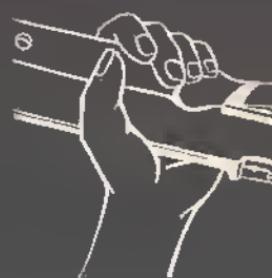


FIG. 2



FIG. 3



TO REMOVE CARTRIDGES WITHOUT FIRING: Remove inside magazine tube, and by pointing gun muzzle downward, all cartridges in the magazine tube will drop into the hand. With safety on, work action twice to remove cartridges from barrel chamber and from trigger guard assembly through the ejection port. Pull bolt operating handle back and examine barrel chamber to make sure gun is now empty of cartridges. Inside magazine tube may now be replaced.

TO ENGAGE CARRYING SLING: Pull sling forward from butt stock, invert strap pull and slip over magazine support (See figure 3). Sling will snap into position. Sling may be disengaged by reversing this process.

TO ASSEMBLE J. C. HIGGINS 4-X TELESCOPE SIGHT TO RIFLE: Engage mating slot on telescope mount with mating slot on receiver top. The eye piece of the scope should be to the rear and slide forward against the stop. Tighten scope mounting screw and the assembly is complete. (See figure 1).

DISASSEMBLY

TO REMOVE TRIGGER ASSEMBLY: Turn the gun upside down, remove trigger guard retaining screw, Grasp trigger guard and pull up and toward the butt stock. Trigger guard assembly will come free of the receiver as a unit (See figure 4). It is advisable to remove this assembly only when necessary.

BOLT: With gun still upside down, pull bolt operating handle completely to rear. While holding in this position, lift up front of bolt and ease bolt out of receiver releasing pressure on driving spring slowly. Bolt operating handle may then be pulled forward to the ejection port and removed from the gun. (See figure 5).

FORE-ARM: May be disassembled by removing fore-arm retaining screw and sliding fore-arm from receiver.



FIG. 4

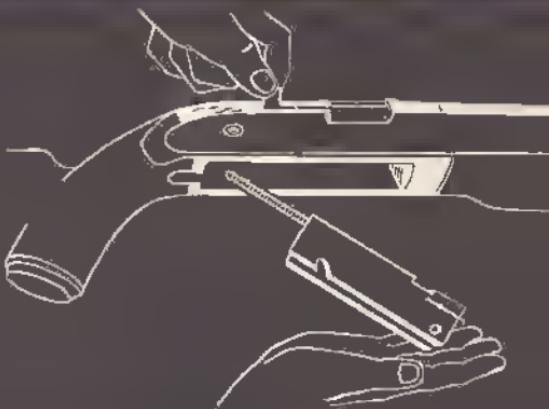


FIG. 5

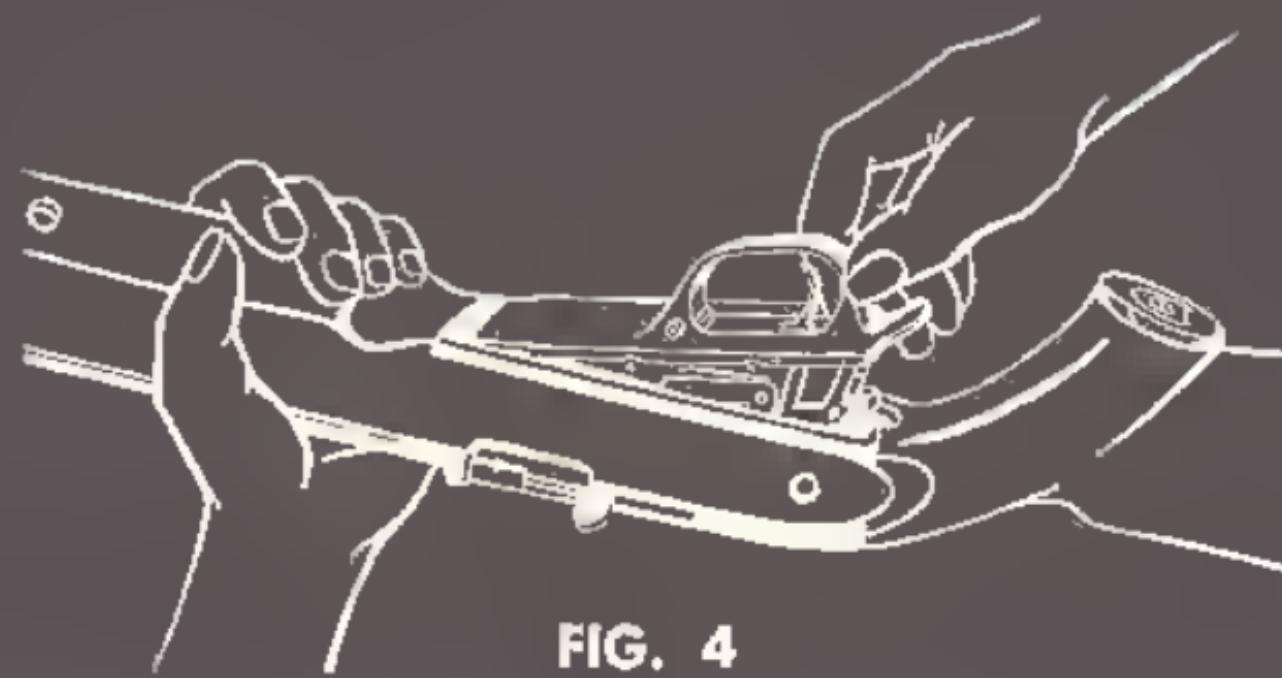


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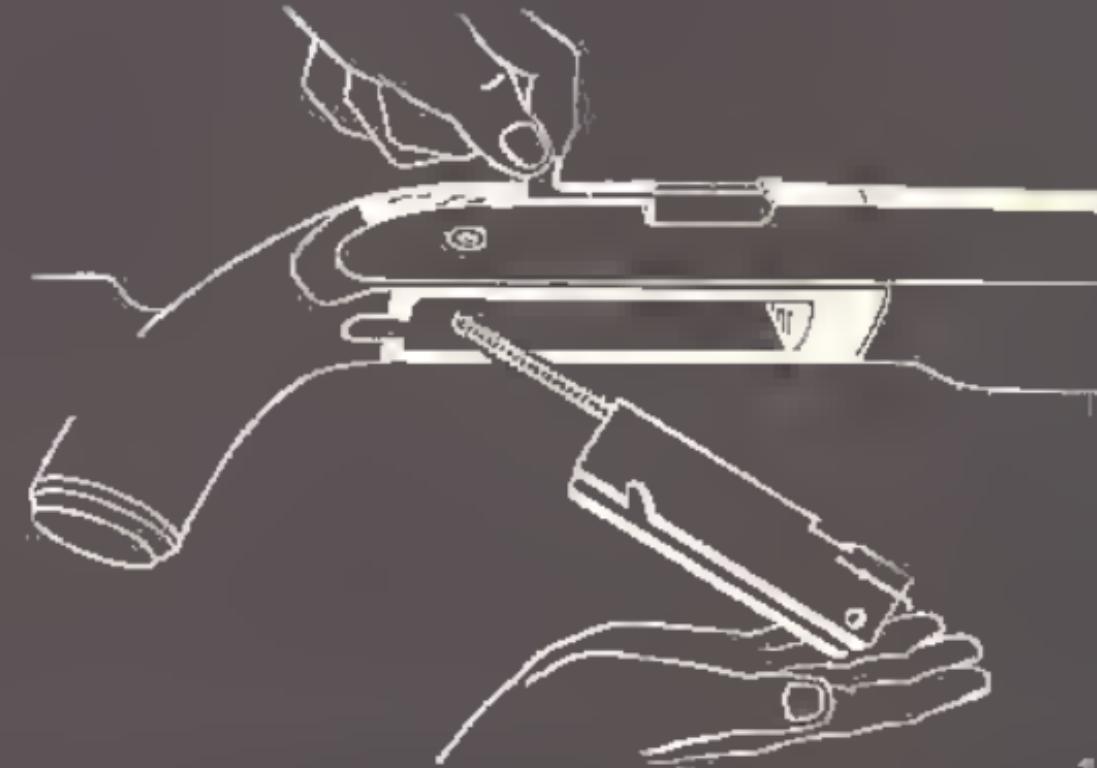


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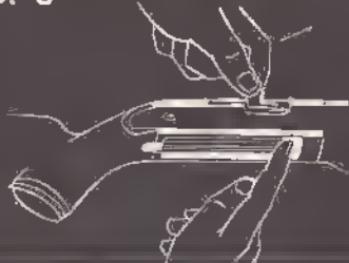
ASSEMBLY

BOLT ASSEMBLY: With gun upside down, replace bolt operating handle back in position so that the notch in the handle faces the opening for the trigger guard assembly. Slide bolt operating handle fully to rear. Insert the driving spring guide into spring and insert spring into hole in bolt. Then fit driving spring guide into the hole at rear of receiver. Push block to rear of receiver against the pressure of the driving spring. (See Fig. 6). Hold the bolt with it inclined slightly and set down over the bolt operating handle and allow the bolt to move forward.

TRIGGER ASSEMBLY: Make sure that hammer is in cocked position. (See Figure 7). With the gun in upside down position, replace trigger assembly by inserting lug on front end of trigger assembly mating slot inside forward end of receiver. Press down and forward against rear portion of trigger guard until fully seated. Insert and tighten trigger guard retaining screw. The gun is now completely re-assembled.



FIG. 6



SPECIFICATIONS

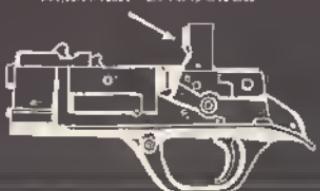
Length of Pull	13 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
Drop at Heel	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
Drop at Comb	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Barrel Length	23 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches
Over-All Length	41 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
Weight of Gun	5 lbs. 7 oz.
Weight of Scope and Mount	8 oz.
Magazine Capacity	17 L.R., 19 Long, or 24 Short
Front Sight	Ramp type
Rear Sight	head Rocky Mountain partridge type with serrated blade for elevation at 25 yard intervals.
Butt Stock & fore-end	American black walnut

HAMMER IN COCKED POSITION
(TO REASSEMBLE)



FIG. 7

HAMMER UNCOCKED

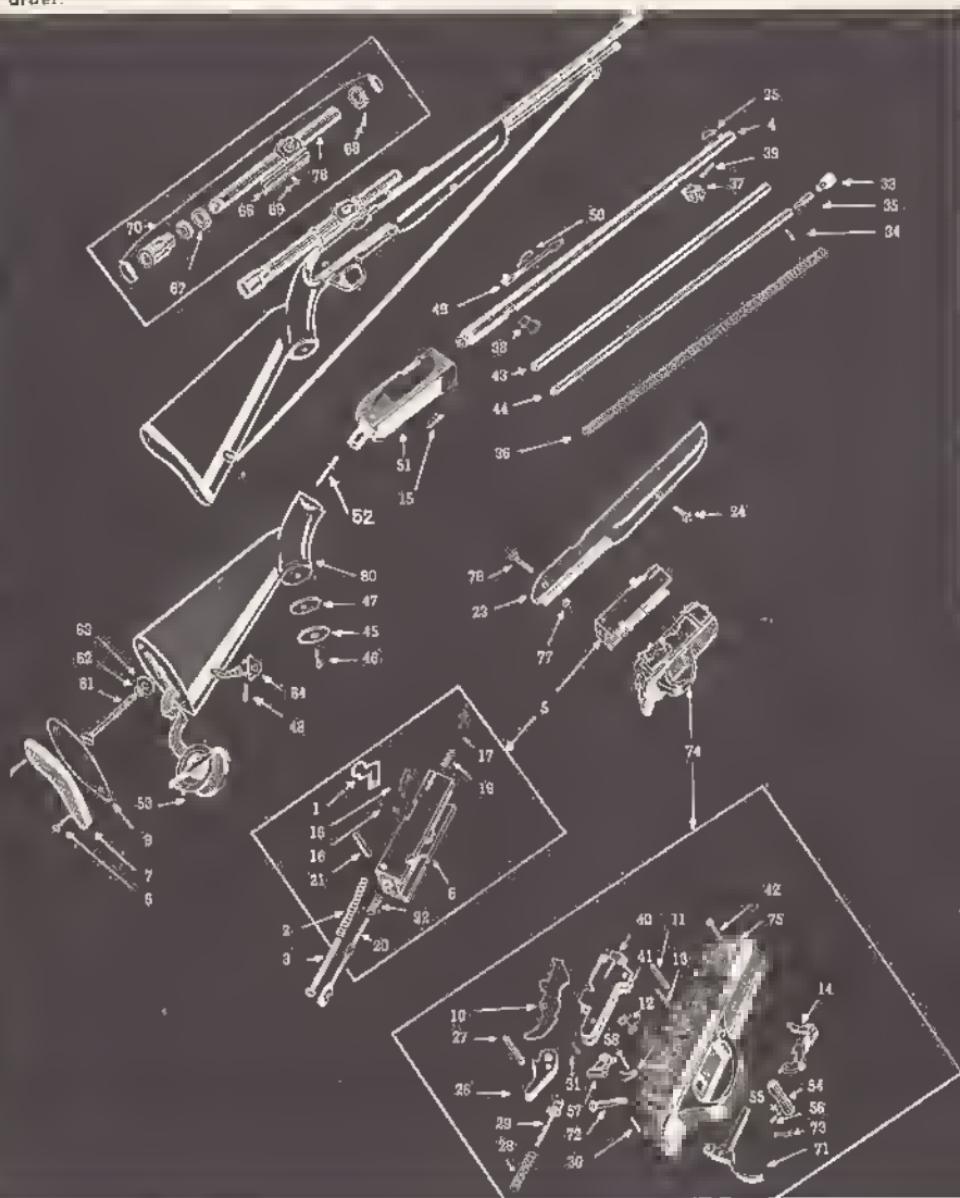


List of Parts and Assemblies

J. C. HIGGINS MODEL 31 .22 CAL. Model Number 583.75 (this number is marked on the barrel). Be sure to mention it when ordering.

WHERE TO ORDER REPAIR PARTS — Any Sears retail or mail order store will handle your order.

HOW TO ORDER — Specify Model No., Reference No., Part No. and Part Name. Parts marked with an asterisk (*) must be fitted by gunsmiths in Sears mail order houses, or by outside gunsmiths.



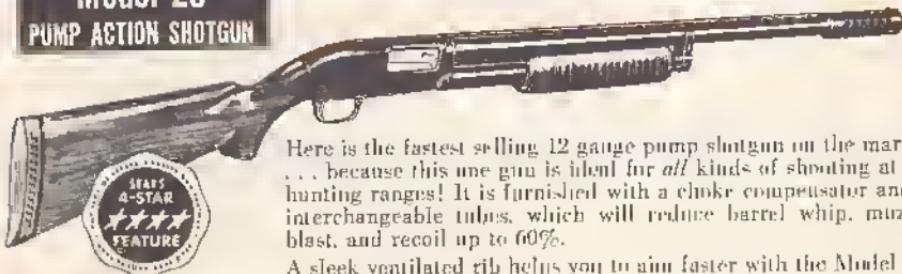
REF. NO.	PART NO.	PART NAME	REF. NO.	PART NO.	PART NAME
4	456	Barrel	53	412M	Reel Assembly (Composed of:
5	457M	Bolt Assembly (Composed of: 457 Bolt 468 Firing Pin 320 Firing Pin Spring 469 Firing Pin Retaining Pin 465 Extractor 466 Extractor Retaining Pin 467 Extractor Spring)	54	346	412 Peel
6	457	Bolt	55	347	414 Reel Frame
1	483	Bolt Operating Handle.	56	348	416 Reel Frame Spacer
7	344	Bolt Plate	57	428	415M Reel Frame Stud Assembly
8	345	Bolt Plate Screw	58	350	411 Reel Gripper Pin
9	404	Bolt Plate Trim	59	351	413 Reel Spring
10	459	Cartridge Lifter	60	485	407M Sling Assembly)
11	308	Cartridge Lifter Pin	61	353	Safety Button
12	460	Cartridge Lifter Spring	62	354	Safety Button Plunger
13	310	Cartridge Lifter Spring Retaining Pin	63	182	Safety Button Plunger Spring
11	492	Cartridge Lifter Stop Pin	64	405	Sear
14	462M	*Disconnecter Assembly (Composed of: 462 Disconnecter 312 Disconnecter Hinge Pin)	65	490	Sear Pin
17	463	Disconnecter Spring	66	490	Seal Spring
18	461	Disconnecter Spring Retaining Pin	67	386	Stark
2	495	Driving Spring	68	387	Stark Bolt
3	489	Driving Spring Guide	69	385	Stark Bolt Lock Washer
15	464	*Extractor	70	434M	Stark Bolt Washer
76	465	*Extractor	71	427M	Stop Pull
31	466	Extractor Retaining Pin	72	359	Telescope 4X
19	467	Extractor Spring	73	360	Telescope Base
20	468	Firing Pin	74	491M	Telescope Base Clamp Ring
21	469	Firing Pin Retaining Pin	71	427M	Telescope Base Clamp Ring Screw
22	320	Firing Pin Spring	72	359	Telescope Base Lock Screw
23	470M	Forearm Assembly (Composed of: 470 Forearm 399 Trigger Guard Retaining Screw Nut)	73	360	Telescope Eye Piece Cap
24	323	Forearm Retaining Screw	74	491M	Assembly
25	356	Front Sight, Low, ai	71	427M	(Composed of: 420 Telescope Eye Piece Cap
	392	Front Sight, Medium, ai	72	359	419 Telescope Front Dust Cap
	378	Front Sight, High	73	360	434 Telescope Dust Cover
26	472M	Hammer Assembly (Composed of: 472 Hammer 330 Hammer Stud Pin)	74	491M	Cord)
27	325	Hammer Pin	71	427M	Trigger & Trigger Extension Assembly
28	326	Hammer Spring	72	359	Trigger Pin
29	327	Hammer Spring Guide	73	360	Trigger Spring
30	328	Hammer Spring Pin	74	491M	Trigger Guard Assembly
33	331	Magazine Cap	71	427M	(Composed of: 459 Cartridge Lifter
34	332	Magazine Cap Pin	72	359	308 Cartridge Lifter Pin
35	473	Magazine Follower	73	360	492 Cartridge Lifter Stop Pin
36	336	Magazine Spring	74	491M	460 Cartridge Lifter Spring
37	337	*Magazine Support	71	427M	310 Cartridge Lifter Spring Retaining Pin
38	335	Magazine Support, Peel	72	359	462M Disconnecter Assembly
39	338	Magazine Support Pin	73	360	463 Disconnecter Spring
40	474	Magazine Throat, Right Hand	74	491M	467 Disconnecter Spring Retaining Pin
41	475	Magazine Throat, Left Hand	71	427M	472M Hammer Assembly
42	381	Magazine Throat Retaining Pin	72	359	325 Hammer Pin
43	476	Magazine Tube	73	360	326 Hammer Spring
44	334	Magazine Tube, Inside	74	491M	327 Hammer Spring Guide
45	401	Pistol Grip Cap	71	427M	328 Hammer Spring Pin
46	403	Pistol Grip Cap Screw	72	359	474 Magazine Throat, R.H.
47	402	Pistol Grip Cap Trim	73	360	475 Magazine Throat, L.H.
48	409	Full Gripper Pin	74	491	381 Magazine Throat Retain- ing Pin
49	478	Rear Sight	75	491	346 Safety Button
50	479	Rear Sight Elevator	76	398	347 Safety Button Plunger
51	497	*Receiver	77	399	348 Safety Button Plunger Spring
52	150	Revolver Tono	71	427M	428 Sear
			72	359	350 Sear Pin
			73	360	351 Sear Spring
			74	491M	427M Trigger & Trigger Extension Assembly
			71	427M	491 Trigger Guard
			72	359	359 Trigger Pin
			73	360	360 Trigger Spring)
			74	491M	Trigger Guard
			71	427M	Trigger Guard Retaining Screw
			72	359	Trigger Guard Retaining Pin
			73	360	Nut
			74	491M	Port List

OTHER FAMOUS *J.C. Higgins* GUNS

See those other J. C. Higgins models at your nearest Sears Store, or send a postcard for descriptive literature on all J. C. Higgins Guns to: Sears Roebuck and Company, Dept. T39, Chicago, Illinois. Ask for J. C. Higgins Circular No. 6495. Remember, these guns give you more quality and shooting pleasure for every dollar you invest!

Model 20

PUMP ACTION SHOTGUN



Here is the fastest selling 12 gauge pump shotgun on the market . . . because this one gun is ideal for *all* kinds of shooting at *all* hunting ranges! It is furnished with a choke compensator and 3 interchangeable tubes, which will reduce barrel whip, muzzle blast, and recoil up to 60%.

A sleek ventilated rib helps you to aim faster with the Model 20. It also features an exclusive free-falling action, sturdy recoil pad, choice-grained walnut stock, and a silver nameplate.

Model 50

HIGH-POWERED RIFLE



The Model 50 is available in either the .30-06 or .270 caliber . . . America's most popular big game cartridges. This rifle features a genuine Mauser action made in Belgium by Fabrique Nationale, and a chrome molybdenum steel barrel with chromed bore. The stock is of genuine walnut fitted with a pistol grip cap and hard rubber butt plate. This super-accurate hunting rifle is available with either a 2½ or 4 power telescopic sight.

Model 10

BOLT-ACTION SHOTGUN



The lowest priced 6-shot repeater available! Your choice of 12, 16 or 20 gauge, with full or modified choke. This is a safe and accurate gun with a fast action bolt. It loads from beneath into a smooth tubular magazine. There's no clip to lose with this gun! Genuine walnut stock, and rubber recoil pad are furnished as standard equipment.

Parts List 995-14

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